Temporary Homeless Encampment Code Development

March 20, 2014

Planning Commission

City of Sammamish

Tonight's Goals

- 1. Address Commissioner questions and comments
- 2. Provide information for use in upcoming deliberations
- 3. Open public hearing, take testimony and close.
- 4. Begin deliberations (if time permits)

Tonight's Information

- Overall project schedule
- Info from Sammamish Police Chief Nate Elledge
- Information and questions/answers
- Overview of new material

Basic Process Schedule

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- ☐ March 20 Public hearing/deliberation
- ☐ April 3 Deliberation and recommendation adoption
- ☐ May 6 Hand-off to City Council
- ☐ May 19 City Council, First Reading, public hearing
- ☐ June 3 City Council, 2nd reading and adoption
- □ July 14 Moratorium expires

SPD Chief Elledge Report

Type of Call	Total Calls
TENT CITY CHECKS (SELF GENERATED)	119
CHECK WELFARE OFTENT CITY RESIDENT	5
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE VIOLATION*	4
SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	3
DISTURBANCE	5
TRESPASS	2
MISDEMEANOR WARRANT	4
THEFTS OF PROPERTY	2
MISSING PERSON	1
CIVIL PROBLEM	1
ASSAULT, FOURTH DEGREE	1
RAPE	1
CRIMINAL WARRANT, MISDEMEANOR	1
CITIZEN ASSIST, ALL OTHER	1
Total	150

Context under state law

- RCW 35A.21.360
- Religious organizations enjoy protection under state law to host homeless encampments
- City can regulate, but must meet the following tests:
 - Regulation must protect **public health and safety**
 - Regulation must not **substantially burden** the host's ability to house the encampment

Clarifications and Information

- Total number of residents at Tent City 4, historically
- Define "discretionary" as used in the City of Redmond Zoning Code
- Map potential host sites in Sammamish

Codes of Conduct - Differences

Share/Wheel

- "Sobriety is required."
- "No physical punishment, verbal abuse or intimidation will..."
- "Attendance of at least one of the several community meetings held through the week is required. Days and times will be posted so that you may work it into your schedule."
- "If these rules are not respected and enforced, Tent City 4 may be permanently closed."

Camp Unity Eastside

- "No open flames <u>or</u> <u>smoking in tents or honey</u> <u>buckets</u>."
- "Violating one or more terms of this code of conduct may result in you being temporarily or permanently evicted from Camp Unity Eastside."

Camp Unity Eastside: Expected Duties of Camper

- Security shifts
- Blankets
- Things you might get evicted for

New Information

- Peer city code development record
- Written public comment summary
- Draft Homeless Encampment Use Permit code language

City Council Direction: February Retreat

- Limit encampments to one location in the city at any one time
- Limit a site that has hosted from hosting again (say for 12 or 18 months)
- Limit total sites hosting to one site every 365 days
- Limit stays to 90 days plus move-in/move-out days (so about 94 total)
- Work with hosts/encampment sponsors to ensure warrant and sex offender checks. Options to consider include:
 - All residents at move-in
 - New prospective residents that ask to move in
 - Returning residents that have been absent for four days or more
- Proximity to transit or alternative mechanism provided by host site (e.g. \(\frac{1}{4} \) or \(\frac{1}{2} \) mile)
- Public notice and comment opportunity

Draft Code

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- 1. C.7. No more than one Homeless Encampment may be located in the City at any time.
- 2. C.6. The City shall not grant a HEUP that is proposed to commence on a lot or lots within one-half mile of any lot(s) that contained a Homeless Encampment with the last twelve (12) months.
- 3. Not included in this draft
- 4. C.5. No Homeless Encampment shall operate within the City of Sammamish for more than ninety (90) consecutive days, except that the Director may allow up to five (5) additional days to accommodate moving onto or off a site.

Draft Code (continued)

Council Direction

- 5. Work with hosts/encampment sponsors to ensure warrant and sex offender checks.Options to consider include:
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- obtain warrant and sex offender checks from the King County Sheriff's Office ("Warrant Check") for all Homeless encampment residents.
 - a. ...completed seven (7) day prior to the Homeless Encampment moving onto the site.
 - b. For residents moving into the Homeless Encampment during the permit period...
 - c. Not included in this draft

Draft Code (continued)

Council Direction

- 6. Proximity to transit or alternative mechanism provided by host site (e.g. ½ or ½ mile)
- 7. Public notice and comment opportunity

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- 6. C.4. The Homeless
 Encampment shall be located within a quarter (1/4) mile of a bus stop... If not located within a quarter mile of a bus stop, the Host or Sponsoring Agency shall submit a plan...
- 7. E. Application Process
 - E.1. Neighborhood Meeting
 - E. 2. Notice of Application
 - E.3. Schools and Child Care Services

Recap

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Next steps and questions

- Staff work
 - Compile public comments
 - Conduct further research into peer jurisdiction's adopted codes
 - Research and answer questions from the Planning Commission
 - Make edits to the draft code
 - Maintain and update the City's Web page:

www.ci.sammamish.wa.us/departments/communitydevelopment/HomelessEncampmentCode